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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter was prepared at the request of Mr. Jack Deshazer and is provided for information purposes only.

In May 2002, representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted a screening of the Davidson Jewelers property located at 401 and 403 Highway 2 in Libby, Montana. This screening was performed as part of the Remedial Investigation of the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site. The purpose of the screen is to visually inspect the property for visible sources of Libby asbestos (such as Zonolite Attic Insulation or Libby vermiculite containing aggregate) and to collect additional information related to potential asbestos contamination at all properties in the Libby area. Results of the screen will be used to prioritize future cleanup and investigations on a per property basis.

During the screen of the subject property EPA found no visual or other anecdotal evidence of asbestos source materials in this property, past or present. Please keep in mind that this is not a certification that the property is "asbestos free," it is only the first step in EPA's screening process for Superfund response activities. Based on this information, EPA plans no additional investigation of the property interior at this time. A more formal letter will be forthcoming in the future as our general investigation proceeds. If you have any questions or would like hard copies of the results and associated information, please contact the EPA Information Center in Libby at (406) 293-6194.

Sincerely,

Jim Christiansen

Remedial Project Manager